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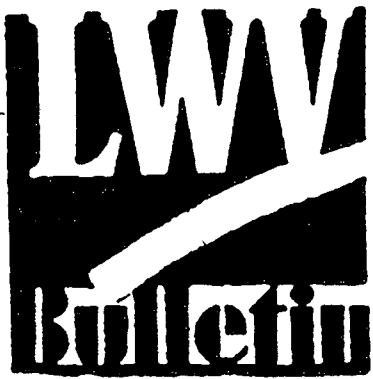
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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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The Nov. 16 and 17 League meetings will be consensus meetings on funding parks and recreation in Cabell County. In 1974 the Huntington League studied recreation and came to a consensus supporting "measures in which governmental bodies will cooperate and coordinate recreation services in order to provide comprehensive opportunity and accessibility to recreation to all citizens of the Huntington area and eliminate overlapping and duplicating of recreational services, facilities and funding."

In 1982, the West Virginia legislature created the Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District (GHPRD), a coordinated approach. The original law mandated representation on the governing commission from all five magisterial districts of Cabell County plus Westmoreland district, Wayne County. Funding for the GHPRD comes from property taxes levied on Wayne County, Cabell County, Huntington, Milton, Barboursville, and the Cabell County Board of Education. More recently, Barboursville was deleted from the GHPRD.

At its 1992 annual meeting, the Huntington League adopted a study of local taxes. Direction was given to studying the funding for the GHPRD. At the November meetings the League will present information from many points of view and come to consensus on funding the park board and on funding volunteer fire departments. The reason for the latter portion of the study is that some citizens would like to decrease or eliminate park board funding and increase funding for volunteer fire departments. Some other public officials and citizens believe that there are some other public uses that could be supported from the funds dedicated to the GHPRD.

In order to come to a consensus representing as many League members as possible, we are offering you a choice of two meetings to attend - Monday, Nov. 16, 7:30 PM at Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, or Tuesday, Nov. 17, 11:30 AM at Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church (bring your lunch). The research committee includes Amy Crossan, Pat Hartman, Rose Riter and Helen Gibbins.

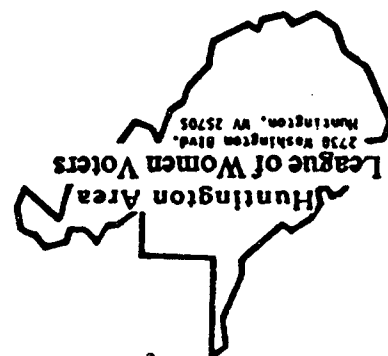
DAY ONE, an early intervention and parenting education program, is now available at St. Mary's and Cabell-Huntington hospitals. The DAY ONE program begins with a video, presented to new parents within 48 hours of giving birth, about how babies learn. The new parents are then visited by a trained volunteer who demonstrates techniques and introduces the new parents to resources available to them in the community.

DAY ONE began at Charleston's Women and Children's Hospital in 1991. There are now nine DAY ONE programs in the state. The program is funded by grants from business, citizens, private foundations and government. DAY ONE is sponsored by the West Virginia Task Force on Children, Youth and Families to help new parents to be their child's first teacher.

This month League members have presented four programs to other organizations - two on "get Ready to Vote" and two on "Environmental Shopping". If you would like to schedule a program on "Environmental Shopping", contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

Thanks to League members who helped with the 3rd Congressional District debate on Nov. 1st, BETH BAUSERMAN, LILA THOMPSON, ANN SPEER, and HELEN and Neal GIBBINS.

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Calendar

- NOV. 16 HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MEETING, "Funding Parks and Recreation", part of Local Tax Study, 7:30 PM, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church.
- 17 HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MEETING (Repeat of Nov. 16), 11:30 AM, Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church.
- 30 LWV Board Meeting, 11:30 AM, Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church.

Nancy Taylor, Membership Chair, would like anyone with names of prospective members to call her at 522-3361, or send the names to 1 Kennon Lane, Huntington (25705).

Anne Csernica, Finance Chair, would like the names of prospective donors for the finance drive.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to men and women of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$30 individual, \$45 for two in one household. To join, contact Dorothy Barenklau, Treasurer, 63 Sequoia Dr. (25705)

